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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 01/03/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omissions or matters: the amendments to the claims have not been made in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(A). In a reissue application, all amendments must be made with respect to the claims in the patent, not the last amended version of the claims as is common in non-provisional application practice. Therefore, the second, and any subsequent amendment, to a claim must also show the insertions or deletions of the prior amendments as though they had not been previously made. For example, in the preliminary amendment filed 01/12/00, in claim 7, on line 5, two amendments were made. These amendments must also be shown by underlining and bracketing in the amendment to claim 7 filed 01/03/01.

See also 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

My inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

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